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BA one of “The 25 Best Affordable Suburbs in the South”

Business Week Magazine has ranked the City of Broken Arrow as one of the most affordable cities in the southern United States.

The magazine recently profiled various regions of the country, rating them on cost of living, crime rate and quality of schools.

The following is a link to the story in today's Tulsa World:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?articleID=070608_238_E1_spanc37710

BA Police to Develop New Basic Training Academy

Governor Brad Henry has signed a bill that will clear the way for the Broken Arrow Police Department to create its own basic training academy.

Senate Bill 920 was initiated by the City of Broken Arrow Police Department and developed in conjunction with the Oklahoma Municipal League, the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, and the cities of Owasso, Edmond and Lawton.

The bill amends the current composition of the CLEET board, redefines qualifications of the CLEET Director, and increases the number of training and continuing education hours. It also allows for cities with a population of 65,000 or more and counties of 500,000 or more to provide their own basic training academies.

State Senator Kenneth Corn and Representative Rex Duncan authored the bill and worked closely with Broken Arrow's Director of Intergovernmental Relations Terri Cleveland, OML Chief Operating Officer Carolyn Stager and Executive Director of the Oklahoma Chiefs Association Jim Cox.

Upon approval from the CLEET council, the police department will begin implementation of its plan for the future basic training academy to be located at the BA Police Training Facility on East 51st street.

Fireworks Permits on Sale

For the third straight year, the City of Broken Arrow is selling Fireworks Permits which will make it legal to sell or discharge Class 1.4g fireworks in the city limits.

The permits are available for \$20 through July 3 at several City locations. Permitted fireworks may be discharged only between the hours of 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 3 and 4. This will be the second year that a small sign is being handed out with the permits. That sign must be placed in a location that is easily visible from the street.

Permits may be purchased by cash, check or credit/debit card at the One-Stop Center on the north end of City Hall (220 S. 1st Street); the Utilities Office on the south end of the facility (116 E. Dallas); at the Court Clerk's Office in the Justice Center (2304 S. 1st Place); or at either of the City's two community centers (Central Park, 1500 S. Main, or Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. 9th). They also may be bought by cash or check at the BA Police Department, 2302 S. 1st Place.

Purchases may be made from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the two City Hall locations, the PD and Clerk's office. The community centers are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Beginning June 11, the Nienhuis Community Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., weekdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

It is unlawful to sell or discharge fireworks within the city limits without the permit.